

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 13 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 11 and 15 to read as follows (a version marked to show changes to Claims 11 and 15 is submitted herewith):

11. (Amended) An image reader, comprising:

- (a) a transparent plate adapted to contact an original;
- (b) an image sensor unit including a light source adapted to illuminate the original, a reading element adapted to read an image of the original, and a housing adapted to mount said light source and said reading element, said housing being a rectangular parallelepiped and having a shaft or a bearing, said shaft or said bearing being disposed so as to be parallel to said reading element and said shaft or said bearing being provided so as not to protrude from said rectangular parallelepiped;
- (c) a holding member adapted to hold said image sensor unit; and
- (d) a motor adapted to shift a positional relationship between the image of the original and said image sensor unit held by said holding member,

wherein said housing further comprises a hole mounting a spacer therein, which maintains a distance between said transparent plate and said image sensor unit.

15. (Amended) An image sensor unit mounted in an image reader, comprising:

- a light source adapted to illuminate an original;
- a reading element adapted to read an image of the original; and